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Weekly War News Digest

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

MOTOR TRUCK COMPANIES GET TRAINING IN DRIVING AT NIGHT

Night driving of motor-truck supply trains from the West to the seaboard has been started by the Quartermaster's department as a step toward final training to fit men for service in France.

According to the Council of National Defense, the experience gained in cross-country convoy work has made the truck companies able to travel entirely independent of the countryside. Camps are made at the regular hour, no matter where the company is located, except that open country is given preference over cities.

COUNCILS OF DEFENSE WILL ADVISE WAR-RISK CLAIMANTS

The Council of National Defense has urged the State councils to provide voluntary aid for dependents of men in the service in collecting allotments of pay and family allowances, arrears of pay, travel pay, extra pay, or other money due estates of deceased soldiers and sailors.

Allotments and allowances under the war-risk insurance law are paid directly by the Treasury department to the persons entitled thereto; claims for insurance taken out under the law should be addressed to Bureau of War-Risk Insurance, Treasury department, Washington, D. C.; claims for arrears of pay, extra pay and travel pay of deceased soldiers and sailors and all other claims should be addressed to Auditor for the War department, Washington, D. C.

SWINDLERS' TRICK TAKES MONEY SENT TO SOLDIERS

Relatives and friends of several soldiers in army camps have been victimized by swindlers who wired or wrote for funds under soldiers' names. In each instance it was requested that money be sent by wire waiving identification, or by mail to general delivery, the customary explanation being that the soldier had been discharged and would have no way of securing identification, nor of getting mail addressed to his company.

The following is a typical telegram, sent to the father of a soldier in a southern camp:

"Have been discharged. Coming home. Going to Atlanta through country tonight. Please wire me \$60 at Atlanta so I may pay for uniform and come home direct. Wave identification as I am not known in Atlanta. Wire cash quick so I can get it tomorrow morning."

Before being complied with, any request for money to be sent under such conditions should be verified by a letter or telegram to the commanding officer of the camp in which the man whose

name is signed to the request is stationed.

The officers and crew of the German submarine captured November 17 by the U. S. S. Fanning, have been brought from England to the United States.

The total acreage in sugarcane in the 24 sugar parishes of Louisiana in 1918, is estimated at 218,000 acres, as compared with 293,600 in 1917 and 315,000 in 1909.

Millions of dollars, it is estimated by revenue officials, will be added to the government funds in penalties as a result of the round-up of income-tax delinquents by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Reports received from state and federal employment bureaus by the United States Employment Service, Department of Labor, indicate a shortage of woman labor in 34 cities. The greatest demand is for domestics and next, factory workers. Twenty of the 34 cities report a scarcity of domestics. Nine report a demand for factory workers.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A Strange Visitor Came to the Parsonage.

A strange visitor came to the parsonage one day this week. He entered the study with an exceeding broad smile on his face. It is not many people who come into the study of the missionary with such an expression of contentment on their faces; some come with a trace of a smile, but most come with sorrow and anxiety easily traced in their faces, so I confess that I was pleased to see this smiling face. In answer to my question, "With whom have I the pleasure of speaking?" as the smile lengthened to its broadest limit, he answered, "I'm Gabriel sent of God with a message." I was somewhat anxious to learn something of the message, but the visitor continued, "I've found you at last. I've been hunting for you for a long time. I learned of you of the high officials in Quito, Ecuador."

Then he told me how he had mingled with some of the members of our church in Quito. I was glad to find that Gabriel found himself at home with the Methodists before he came to Valparaiso; he was slowly finding his way into my heart. Then he told me how they had informed him at Quito that Compton had gone to Panama and how he had gone there hoping to find me. There again he had visited the high officials and had held quite an extended conversation with President Alfaro's family about your missionary and there Gabriel learned that your missionary had gone to Valpa-

raiso, Chile. "So I came here, and I've found you at last," and the smile echoed his pleasure. I was anxious to learn of Gabriel's message, so he informed me that his message was identical with that of Billy Sunday's. I was glad to learn that, for I had heard Billy Sunday and I surely had a good opinion of the evangelist's message. I was further anxious to learn in what other way he was similar to the evangelist and he said he compared himself to Billy Sunday in the number of people that they reached in their preaching—that Billy preached to the thousands and that he preached mostly to one at a time, but in the end he thought that he would reach as many as Billy Sunday. It was rather difficult for me to agree with Gabriel, but I encouraged him to proceed for I was anxious to see how his mind was working.

It was tea time and as Gabriel had found me with an unfinished cup of tea, I felt rather compelled to invite him to have a cup with me. He smilingly accepted my invitation and I soon found Gabriel drinking tea just like any common mortal and I found myself quite at home with Gabriel talking over church matters with this important person.

It was Thursday and Gabriel found me in the midst of preparing a prayer-meeting talk for the evening and over the tea cups we discussed prayer-meetings and prayers. Gabriel said he did not believe in long public prayers; I put down my cup long enough to say Amen, and he seemed to un-

derstand this manner of Methodist assent; it pleased me to see that Gabriel was not a stranger to Methodists and their customs. He also discussed the monotonous manner of some people who attended prayer-meeting in all ways praying the same prayer fifty-two times a year. I took up the discussion here, to give Gabriel time to finish his cup of tea, for I saw he was doing most of the talking, and, they tell me, that it is rare for your missionary to let other people do most of the talking; he keeping quiet for a long time, I told him that I agreed with him in the matter of monotonous prayers and forever repeating the same words at every prayer-meeting without a shadow of turning. I invited Gabriel to go to prayer-meeting after we had had our supper, for he seemed to enjoy your missionary's company for he had lingered around until the call rang out for the evening meal. I discovered that Gabriel ate like a common mortal and ate fully as much as your missionary. I was pleased, for it gave me rather a needed and longed-for proof that your missionary's full-fledged appetite is about right—just normal.

Gabriel accepted my invitation to the prayer-meeting. I did not ask him to preach. His English was well nigh perfect, but he seemed a little lame in Spanish, so I thought that your missionary could, at least in Spanish, out-preach Gabriel. His presence at the prayer-meeting did not seem to embarrass me for I had liberty in preaching.

After the sermon I gave the altar call and the altar was soon full of seekers and I was not a little surprised to find Gabriel among those who came to the altar, but I think that he came forward to help pray the others through into the kingdom. I called on Gabriel to pray; he must have been a little shy of his Spanish, for his prayer was exceedingly short and was not loud enough to suit an old time Methodist like your missionary. I could not say Amen because I could not hear enough of what he was saying. I wanted to hear him for I wanted to see how his mind was working. Evidently Gabriel has not had much training as a Methodist. But Gabriel seemed as pleased as your missionary that the altar was full of seekers, of men who desired to lead a better life.

At the close of the meeting, when I bid Gabriel good-night, he answered with his broadest smile, and said something about "showers of blessings," and then he made another remark that almost took my breath: he said that he was an Irishman.

Harry Compton, Casilla 4214, Valparaiso, Mar. 19, 1918. Chile, S. A.

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Economize by spending less money at the meat shop by buying cheaper cuts and spending more time in cooking the cheaper cuts.

Try the Journal a year, or one of unclubbing offers.

You Should Have One or the Other, Mr. Citizen



Gettysburg.

Commencement exercises of our academy were held last Saturday night in our school auditorium, consisting of a class play conducted by Mrs. O. M. Billingsley, which was well appreciated by the large audience. Messrs. Harry Luzena, Carroll Marker, Misses Oval Lecklider and Lola Walker were given certificates of graduation. The rendition of the play was well performed by the characters, showing that painstaking always brings results worth while. Well done, and may our young people ever strive for what ennobles and produces high ideals and better life.

Mrs. C. C. Bireley, relict of W. W. Bireley, died last week in her home, after a long and painful illness. Funeral services at our M. E. church last Friday, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. E. Lee. Interment in cemetery here. She is survived by a daughter and son, two grandchildren, three brothers and many other relatives and friends.

Our village furnished its share of delegates to the County Sunday School Convention, held at the city last Thursday and Friday. Echoes of it came to us that it was excellent and from which a large dividend of good results will follow to an increased effort for the upbuilding of the efficiency of the work, now more generally sustained than ever. Whenever improvements can be shown for the better they should be adopted and thus may the kingdom of righteousness be extended and more people brought under training in religious work.

A large train load of soldiers passed through here, eastward, yesterday evening, which was observed by many of our people, and the boys given a cheery God-speed and prayer for their protection and victorious return home soon, with kaiserism buried beyond the depth of resurrection.

Newspaper and other reports inform us that bonfires are made every few days of German books and literature almost anywhere, which shows that America is abundantly equipped to provide literature and philosophy without going to Germany or German intellect for it. I opine we have as masterly minds on this side of the branch as any to be found within the Teutonic dominion, and when furnished by our own people there will not be found the prayer, God bless the kaiser, in it. If the kaiser wants God's blessing he must cease to do evil and learn to do well. He must do the things approved of God, and not by the other fellow, as he has been doing, even from the beginning. The kaiser's vision is evidently distorted and he ought to make an effort to secure correct vision.

April 29. XOB

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Subscribe for the Journal.

\$6,000 PRIZES GIVEN IN W. S. S. CONTEST

For Highest War Stamp Sales, \$1,000 in W. S. Offered.

Columbus, O. — (Special.) — War Savings chairman in every county are expected to supplement with a list of local prizes the capital prizes offered by the Ohio War Savings Division of the Department of Public Instruction in the contest for the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps for public and parochial school children, to be conducted between May 1 and Sept. 10. The supplemental prizes will be distributed by local War Savings committees and school superintendents. The capital prizes, of which there will be 25, will be presented to the winners in Columbus by Governor Cox.

Following is the complete and official list of the 25 capital prizes to be given winners of the Vacation Thrift Contest:

War Savings Stamps (maturity value), \$1000, donated by The Mutual Life Insurance Company, Columbus.
Overland Thrift Car, value \$900, donated by the Willis-Overland Company, Inc., Toledo, O.
Chase Upright Piano, value \$525, donated by The A. B. Chase Piano Company, Newark, O.
War Savings Stamps (maturity value) \$500, donated by The H. C. Goldman Shoe Company, Columbus, O.
Chiming Hall Clock, value \$400, donated by The Horwath Hall Clock Company, Cincinnati, O.
Four-Piece Walnut Bed Room Suite, value \$350, donated by The Charles D. Cusins Company, 179-176 North Third Street, Columbus, O.
Sonora Phonograph, value \$215, donated by The Sonora Phonograph Sales Company, New York, N. Y.
Diamond Ring (boy or girl), value \$150, donated by The Ohio Retail Jewelers' Association.
Shetland Pony, value \$125, donated by The Dunlap Pony Company, Greenfield, O.
Gruen Verithin Watch (boy or girl), value \$125, donated by The D. Gruen Sons & Company, Cincinnati, O.
War Savings Stamps (maturity value) \$100, donated by the "Father of a Sammy."
Mahogany Chest of Community Silver Flat Ware, value \$100, donated by The Goodman Brothers, Jewelers, Columbus, O.
Artist Quality Violin, value \$100, donated by The Guldin Company, Columbus, O.
Roll Top Desk, value \$82, donated by E. H. Sell & Company, Columbus, O.
Singer Sewing Machine, value \$74, donated by The Singer Sewing Machine Company, Columbus, O.
The World Book (eight volumes), donated by Hanson-Bellows Sales Company, Chicago, Ill.; Home Library, donated by Ginn & Company, Columbus, O.; Webster's New International Dictionary, value of combination \$70.
Racyle Pacemaker, value \$60, donated by The Miami Cycle and Manufacturing Company, Middletown, O.
War Savings Stamps (maturity value) \$50, donated by "A Patriot."
Princeton Cane, value \$50, donated by The W. H. Mullins Company, Salem, O.
One Dozen Photographs with Water Color Portrait, value \$50, donated by Barnes-Callens Studios, Columbus, O.
Lake English Classics, donated by Scott-Foresman Company, Chicago, Ill.; Twenty Volume Book Collection, donated by Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle; Webster's International Dictionary with Reference History of the World, donated by Robinson Brothers, Plain City, O.; value of combination, \$50.
Set of Standard Reference Works, donated by Welles Brothers Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.; Twenty Volumes of the Gateway Series, donated by American Book Company, Cincinnati, O.; value of combination, \$45.
Piano Lamp, value \$25, donated by Z. L. White Company, Columbus, O.
Framed Picture, value \$25, donated by Walter L. Lillie, Columbus, O.
Walrus Traveling Bag, value \$25, donated by The M. C. Lilley & Company, Columbus, O.
To the pupil in each county making the highest individual sales record and not receiving a capital prize, will be given a specially designed medal, donated by The D. L. Auld Company, Columbus, O., in recognition of service rendered the government.

MAKE THIS COMPARISON IN SITUATIONS.

When you think about the little bother there is to buying War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps be sure to recall the greater bother the boys are encountering over the mud in Flanders. Sometimes they are compelled to go without food for long stretches and to sleep in damp holes in the ground. For hours they must wear half-suffocating gas masks and stand in ice-cold water. Why, then, should any person over here object to taking the trouble to secure these evidences of loyal support of the heroes of sacrifice over there?